

**R-15 CORRESPONDENCE – Melinda Cotton**

Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, and  
Councilmember's Gonzalez, Pearce, Price, Supernal, Mango, Andrews, Orange, Austin

Re Item 15 #16-0876 SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION TO RESTRICT OVERSIZED AND  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL  
CORRIDORS.

I urge the City Council to support this ban on oversized and Recreational Vehicles and detached trailers - these types of vehicles (over 20 feet long and over 85 inches high) have been banned in Belmont Shore where I live for more than 20 years, and has been a godsend to our neighborhood.

A few thoughts. Recreational vehicles are exactly that, vehicles designed for recreation – be they RV's, trailers, or trailered boats. These are designed as vacation or leisure vehicles, not for fulltime living on City streets. Roadworthy, well-kept models are costly – generally from \$30,000 to a hundred thousand dollars and more.

When an individual purchases a “recreational vehicle” (RV, trailer or boat) it seems one should assess the true cost – the purchase price, cost of gas, cost of maintenance and cost of storing that vehicle. The owner should plan ahead and either have a place to legally store the vehicle on their own personal property, or they should have a storage location. It should not be the obligation of the city or the neighborhood to have recreational vehicles – RV's, trailers, boats - stored in front of homes on city streets, some dumping sewage into storm drains leading to the ocean. Storage in a proper facility is the owner's responsibility.

It is important that this new ordinance **NOT** affect the existing RV, oversized vehicle and detached trailer parking bans in Belmont Shore and other areas.

Enforcement of this new ordinance should be simple and straightforward. I notice that the City's Public Works Department has an existing online, free Permit system for 'Oversized' vehicles - will this still be used? It seems to be appropriate with 12 -48 hour permits allowable in one year. This seems fair (<http://www.longbeach.gov/parking/oversized-permit/>) (It states: "This permit is valid for no more than 48 hours of the permit valid date. No more than twelve permits shall be issued to one eligible resident within one calendar year.)

Thank you Coun. Suzie Price and Coun Daryl Supernaw for bringing forth this ordinance. I urge the Council to support it.

Sincerely,

Melinda Cotton  
33 year resident of Belmont Shore